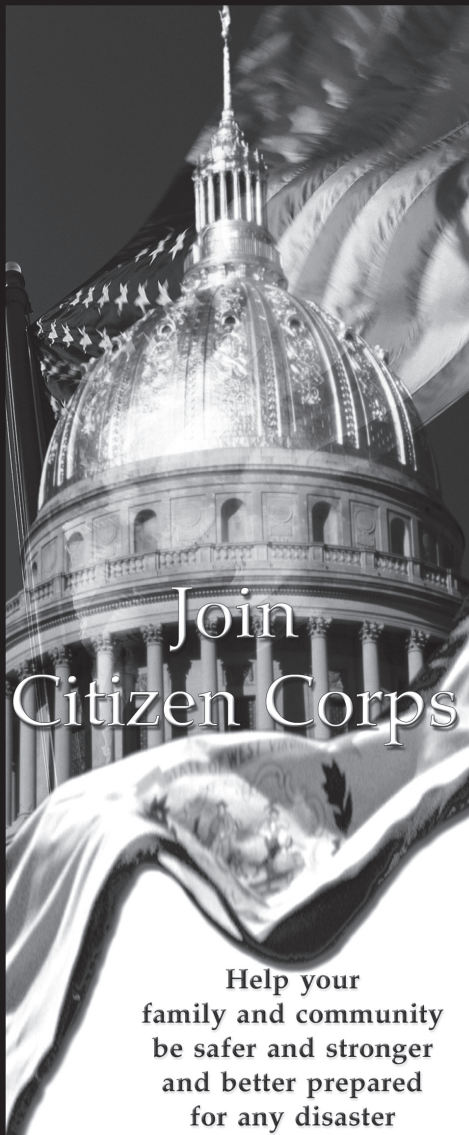


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**Flooding is the most common
natural disaster in West Virginia.**

**Stay tuned to radio or television for weather
forecasts and know these weather terms.**

• Flood Watch—

Flooding is possible. Stay tuned to a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio or commercial radio or television for information. Watches are issued 12 to 36 hours in advance of a possible flooding event.

• Flash Flood Watch—

Flash flooding is possible. Be prepared to move to higher ground. A flash flood could occur without any warning. Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or commercial radio or television for additional information.

• Flood Warning—

Flooding is occurring or will occur soon. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

• Flash Flood Warning—

A flash flood is occurring. Seek higher ground on foot immediately.

• What is a flash flood?—

A flood which is caused by heavy or excessive rainfall in a short period of time, generally less than 6 hours. Also, at times a dam failure can cause a flash flood, depending on the type of dam and time period during which the break occurs.

To learn more weather words and how to be prepared for severe weather, visit your local public library or the National Weather Service Web site at www.nws.noaa.gov. Citizen Corps, the American Red Cross and local offices of emergency services are other good information sources.